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Mr. Thomas R. Boyko, Regional Manager  
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SUBJECT: Rate Order No. WAPA -156

Dear Mr. Boyko:

The following are comments of the Calaveras Public Power Agency regarding Western's proposed rates as contained in the January 3, 2011, Federal Register Notice (Vol. 76, No.1). We appreciate the efforts Western has made, especially during the informal rate process, to discuss with its customers the various aspects of Western's rates. As a First Preference customer of Western, CPPA is hopeful that Western rates will remain economical in an ever-changing California water environment so the counties of origin will receive their intended benefits from the Central Valley Project (CVP).

CPPA generally supports the provisions of Western's proposed rates as they relate to the First Preference customers. The First Preference customers need protection from major changes in CVP generation either as a result of extended drought periods or the possible re-operation of New Melones and other CVP reservoirs in response to greater environmental demands placed upon the project. We support Western's proposal to continue having a Maximum Percentage for each First Preference customer. We request that Western give the First Preference customers ample advance notice (six-months to one-year) if Western is considering making adjustments to the maximum percentages so that the First Preference customers can budget accordingly.

Regarding the mid-year review of the First Preference customers Power Revenue Requirement (PRR) percentage and review of the PRR itself, CPPA assumes that any increase in charges to the First Preference customers will be spread over the remaining months in the fiscal year rather than being applied entirely to the following month after the mid-year review.

We support Trinity Public Utility District's comments regarding the need to have a true-up of costs based upon actual load and generation rather than being based upon estimates.

Thank you the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

*Dennis Dickman*

Dennis Dickman, General Manager  
Calaveras Public Power Agency